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Weekly Views

From the Office of J. David Donahue, Commissioner

“Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come.” ~ Thomas Carlyle

Friday, June 20, 2008

Wabash Valley Correctional Facility recently graduated 154 offenders who completed GED, vocational, and college courses. Commissioner Donahue challenged the graduates to make the most of their accomplishments and thanked attending families.

Branchville Correctional Facility’s PLUS program recently donated \$4000 to the Indiana Red Cross. The money will be directed to the Disaster Relief Fund to help those who were affected by recent flooding.

Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility had 6 more offenders complete Phase 1 of the “Inmate to Workmate” program and 4 offenders complete Phase 2. These offenders are gaining “hands on” restaurant-style training.

Westville Correctional Facility sponsored its 2nd Annual Motorcycle Ride fundraiser to send care packages to deployed DOC employees. ABATE of Indiana, Buffalo Soldiers, Christian Motorcycle Association, and the Patriot Guard were represented.

Residents from Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility began work in the town of Plainfield replacing broken sidewalks for the citizens of the community.

Fr. David L. Rogers, Chaplain at the Indiana State Prison, recently scheduled a Marriage Seminar at the ISO Minimum Security Unit. The content focused on the Life Innovations, Inc. pre-marital and marital counseling materials.

Rockville Correctional Facility staff members, family, and friends participated in the Parke County American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Through several fund-raising events they were able to donate \$731, surpassing their \$500 goal.

Staff and students from Camp Summit took up a goodwill offering totaling \$300 to assist those unfortunate families in Central Indiana devastated by recent flooding. The check was forwarded to the American Red Cross Disaster Fund.

Correctional Industrial Facility held its first “CIF Department Head Retreat” at Falls Park in Pendleton. State Senator Tim Lanane from Anderson stopped by Friday and joined in with several interesting discussions.

Edinburgh Correctional Facility’s Nurturing Fathers Program recently graduated 9 offenders. Each offender was awarded a certificate and provided additional information where they could continue with parental development upon release.

Miami Correctional Facility’s “Mighty Cancer Fighters” team participated in the 12th annual Miami County Relay for Life. The team raised more than \$3,000 in the fight against cancer. This is the fourth year the facility has participated in the event.

Pendleton Correctional Facility is providing 10 offenders daily to assist with the recovery of the coverage bridge in Moscow, Indiana that was destroyed by a tornado. Also, a work crew is still assisting with the clean up of damage in Morgan County.

Bill Glass’ youth outreach and prison ministry, Champions for Life, held a Weekend of Champions rally at IJCF. Champions for Life utilizes former professional athletes as a forum to motivate and urge students toward making positive lifestyle choices.

The K-9 crew at Wabash Valley provided a demonstration for Hoosier Boys State participants on the Indiana State University campus. The K-9 teams showed their skills in crowd control, handler protection, tracking and drug detection.

Plainfield Re-Entry Educational Facility hosted a summer picnic sponsored by the PREF Parenting Department. The event involved a cookout and various activities, such as flying radio controlled airplanes with the volunteer group Screaming Eagles.

Indiana State Prison recently held a family day where staff and family members enjoyed a cookout, horse buggy rides, children’s games, hay rides, SERT, K-9, & E-squad demonstrations, and facility tours.

The Indiana Women’s Prison Outreach Program donated 50 handmade bears to CJ’s Bus Foundation. The Bus is deployed to disaster sites nationwide in order to entertain children in a safe group environment in the aftermath of disasters.

The Christian Motorcyclist Association visited Pendleton Correctional Facility and conducted programs for offenders. Members of the group displayed their motorcycles, conducted a prayer service, and played gospel music.